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UFC 209

UFC 209: Woodley vs. Thompson 2 was a mixed martial arts event produced by the Ultimate Fighting Championship held on March 4, 2017, at the T-Mobile Arena in Paradise, Nevada, part of the Las Vegas metropolitan area.^[2]

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Background

The event was originally scheduled to take place on February 11 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.^[3] However, due to a lack of suitable headliners for the original UFC 208 (scheduled for Anaheim, California), that event was postponed to July 29 and an originally scheduled UFC 209 to be held in Brooklyn was renamed as the new UFC 208. Therefore, this event was also renamed from UFC 210 to UFC 209. This was the fourth UFC event held in the venue.^[3]

A UFC Welterweight Championship rematch between current champion Tyron Woodley and five-time kickboxing world champion Stephen Thompson headlined this event.^[4] The pairing met recently at UFC 205, as Woodley retained his title after the fight ended in a majority draw.^[5]

An interim UFC Lightweight Championship bout between undefeated Khabib Nurmagomedov and The Ultimate Fighter: Team Lesnar vs. Team dos Santos welterweight winner Tony Ferguson was expected to take place at the co-main event.^[6] The pairing was originally booked for The Ultimate Fighter: Team McGregor vs. Team Faber Finale and later UFC on Fox: Teixeira vs. Evans. However, the bout was cancelled both times due to Nurmagomedov being injured^[7] and Ferguson pulling out due to a lung issue, respectively.^[8] Once again the bout suffered a cancelation, as Nurmagomedov had medical issues related to his weight cut and the doctors opted to pull him from the event on weigh-in day.^[9]

UFC 209: Woodley vs. Thompson 2



The poster for UFC 209: Woodley vs. Thompson 2.

Information

Promotion	Ultimate Fighting Championship
Date	March 4, 2017
Venue	T-Mobile Arena
City	Las Vegas, Nevada
Attendance	13,150 ^[1]
Total gate	\$ 2,385,230 ^[1]

Event chronology

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Igor Pokrajac was expected to face Ed Herman at the event. However, Pokrajac pulled out of the fight in early February citing an injury, and was replaced by Gadzhimurad Antigulov.^[10] Then, on February 20, Herman revealed that he was injured and also unable to compete at the event.^[11] In turn, promotion officials elected to remove Antigulov from the card and he will be rescheduled for a future event.^[12]

Todd Duffee was expected to face Mark Godbeer at the event. However, Duffee pulled out of the fight in mid-February for undisclosed reasons.^[13] He was replaced by promotional newcomer Daniel Spitz.^[14]

A heavyweight bout between Marcin Tybura and Luis Henrique, initially scheduled for UFC 208, was moved to this event. The pairing was initially delayed as Henrique was unable to gain medical clearance by the NYSAC after a recent corrective eye surgery.^[15]

Results

Main Card

Weight class			Method	Round	Time	Notes
Welterweight	<u>Tyron Woodley</u> (c)	def. <u>Stephen Thompson</u>	Decision (majority) (48-47, 47-47, 48-47)	5	5:00	^[a]
Lightweight	<u>David Teymur</u>	def. <u>Lando Vannata</u>	Decision (unanimous) (30-27, 30-27, 30-27)	3	5:00	
Middleweight	<u>Dan Kelly</u>	def. <u>Rashad Evans</u>	Decision (split) (29-28, 28-29, 29-28)	3	5:00	
Women's Strawweight	<u>Cynthia Calvillo</u>	def. <u>Amanda Cooper</u>	Submission (rear-naked choke)	1	3:19	
Heavyweight	<u>Alistair Overeem</u>	def. <u>Mark Hunt</u>	KO (knees)	3	1:44	

Preliminary Card (Fox Sports 1)

Heavyweight	<u>Marcin Tybura</u>	def. <u>Luis Henrique</u>	TKO (punches)	3	3:46	
Featherweight	<u>Darren Elkins</u>	def. <u>Mirsad Bektić</u>	KO (punches and head kick)	3	3:19	
Bantamweight	<u>Iuri Alcântara</u>	def. <u>Luke Sanders</u>	Submission (kneebar)	2	3:13	^[b]
Heavyweight	<u>Mark Godbeer</u>	def. <u>Daniel Spitz</u>	Decision (unanimous) (30-27, 30-27, 30-27)	3	5:00	

Preliminary Card (UFC Fight Pass)

Light Heavyweight	<u>Tyson Pedro</u>	def. <u>Paul Craig</u>	TKO (elbows)	1	4:10	
Bantamweight	<u>Albert Morales</u>	def. <u>Andre Soukhamthath</u>	Decision (split) (29-28, 28-29, 29-28)	3	5:00	

a. For the UFC Welterweight Championship.

b. Sanders was deducted one point in round 1 due to an illegal knee to a downed opponent.

^[16]

Bonus awards

The following fighters were awarded \$50,000 bonuses:^[17]

- **Fight of the Night:** David Teymur vs. Lando Vannata
- **Performance of the Night:** Darren Elkins and Iuri Alcântara

Reported payout

The following is the reported payout to the fighters as reported to the Nevada State Athletic Commission. It does not include sponsor money and also does not include the UFC's traditional "fight night" bonuses. The total disclosed payout for the event was \$3,057,000.^[18]

- **Tyron Woodley**: \$500,000 (includes \$100,000 win bonus) def. Stephen Thompson: \$380,000
- **David Teymur**: \$28,000 (includes \$14,000 win bonus) def. Lando Vannata: \$25,000
- **Dan Kelly**: \$54,000 (includes \$27,000 win bonus) def. Rashad Evans: \$150,000
- **Cynthia Calvillo**: \$20,000 (includes \$10,000 win bonus) def. Amanda Cooper: \$17,000
- **Alistair Overeem**: \$750,000 (no win bonus) def. Mark Hunt: \$750,000
- **Marcin Tybura**: \$72,000 (includes \$36,000 win bonus) def. Luis Henrique: \$16,000
- **Darren Elkins**: \$92,000 (includes \$46,000 win bonus) def. Mirsad Bektić: \$21,000
- **Iuri Alcântara**: \$68,000 (includes \$24,000 win bonus) def. Luke Sanders: \$12,000
- **Mark Godbeer**: \$24,000 (includes \$12,000 win bonus) def. Daniel Spitz: \$12,000
- **Tyson Pedro**: \$24,000 (includes \$12,000 win bonus) def. Paul Craig: \$12,000
- **Albert Morales**: \$20,000 (includes \$10,000 win bonus) def. Andre Soukhamthath: \$10,000

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